



PATENT APPLICATION

THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Yutaka MIYAMOTO et al
For : BUTT WELDING APPARATUS AND BUTT WELDING METHOD
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision mailed March 26, 2007 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 23-44.

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